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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Intelligence
SUBJECT : Identification of Kovytkino SA-5 Checkout Facility

Ed:

25X1 You will note that coverage of the Kovytkino SA-5 Checkout
25X1 Facility was achieved [redacted] This facility was carried as an
unidentified installation until this mission, it first being present
on satellite photography [redacted] I hope you will also note
that this installation was number 1 on our list of unidentified in-
stallations for which we requested coverage in our memo to Chairman,
COMIREX, dated 14 January 1970 [redacted] copy 13 to the DDI).

25X1 As the Director, IAS, has pointed out to you, this installation
25X1 was covered repeatedly by [redacted] photography, but because of the small
scale precise identification of its function was not possible. NPIC
first requested large scale coverage of this installation in [redacted]
[redacted] as part of an overall review of "unidentifieds."

As the Director, IAS, and I have agreed, this development illu-
strates once again the need for a special effort in focusing attention
on the "unidentifieds." I have taken steps within NPIC to insure that
we are continually reviewing the need for types of coverage of uniden-
tified installations and making our needs known to the proper collection
and analytical offices.

[redacted]
Executive Director
National Photographic Interpretation Center

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